Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 18 May 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 19 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 15:21 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for mainly dry, rather cloudy weather on Thursday then dry with sunny spells on Friday. Lower confidence on timing of thicker cloud and patchy rain edging in during Saturday.

Headline for Thursday 18 May 2023: Mostly dry. Bright spells. A little rain later afternoon and evening. Fresh winds on the tops and feeling cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 18 May 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Light rain	Sunny intervals
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	20%	10%	10%	20%	50%	10%

Forecast for Thursday 18 May 2023

Weather: Cloudy, damp start then mostly dry in the morning with bright spells, best over the Trossachs. Patchy light rain edging into Lochaber, Mull and Glencoe, extending east to most ranges later in afternoon. Dry, brighter weather following from west in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% in west of area, 60% in east.

Low Cloud and visibility: Generally good visibility with occasional cloud cover about 700m. The main cloud canopy will be above the summits. Becoming misty in west of area with patches of poor visibility in rain and drizzle. Also clouds lower down the hills. These conditions will extend eastwards later in afternoon.

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Forecast for Thursday 18 May 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	23/30 SW	21/27 SW	21/28 SW	22/30 SW	24/32 SW	24/32 SW	19/26 SW	15/21 SW	16/23 SW
900	18/25 SW	17/23 SW	18/25 SW	17/24 SW	19/26 SW	18/26 SW	15/21 SW	13/18 W	13/19 SW
600	21/27 SW	20/26 SW	22/28 SW	21/28 SW	22/29 SW	22/30 SW	15/21 SW	13/19 SW	12/18 SW
300	12/18 SW	10/17 SW	11/19 SW	12/19 SW	13/21 SW	13/21 SW	8/13 SW	6/10 SW	7/12 SW
Glen	9/17 SW	8/17 SW	9/18 SW	11/20 SW	13/23 SW	12/22 SW	7/14 SW	6/14 SW	5/12 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	2/-4	2/-4	2/-4	3/-3	4/-1	5/-1	4/-1	2/-4	1/-4
900	4/-1	4/-0	5/-0	5/1	6/2	7/2	6/3	4/0	4/-0
600	6/2	6/2	6/2	7/3	8/4	9/5	8/5	7/3	6/3
300	8/5	8/6	8/6	9/6	10/7	10/7	10/8	9/8	8/7
Glen	10/8	10/8	10/8	11/9	12/9	12/10	12/11	10/9	10/9
Freezing Level*	2200m	2300m	2300m	2200m	2100m	2300m	1700m	1500m	1400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling unseasonably cold at higher elevations due to combination of fresh winds and single figure temperatures.

Forecast for Friday 19 May 2023
Weather: A dry and brighter day with sunny spells. Becoming cloudy during evening.

Maximum wind: Southwest winds with average speeds of 15 to 20mph and gusts 30mph on the tops.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% reducing 50% during evening.

Low Cloud and visibility: Air will have great clarity resulting in very good visibility with patches of cloud about 700 to 800m. Clouds becoming more extensive during evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 7 Celsius at dawn rising to 16 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 5 Celsius
Freezing level: 1400m

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